

Key events are often the topic of news stories. A key event is an important moment in history for a person, sport, or organization. Choose one of the key events from the snowmobiling timeline on pages 6 and 7 of the book, and write a news story about it in the space provided below. Use your own paper if you need more space.

News stories focus on a specific event and date in time. If there is more than one side to the story, be sure to present both. The story should include the answer to five key questions:

1. Who is the story about? This may be a person, group, organization, or company, for example.
2. What is the event? It may be a competition, protest, or concert, for example.
3. Where did the event take place? This should include the city or town and venue.
4. When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.
5. Why is the event important? Explain why the event is relevant. How did the event impact people or the community?



Using the space provided, label each piece of equipment used by a snowmobiler. Then, write a short sentence or two explaining why the snowmobiler needs these items, how they are used, or what they are made of. Check your answers on pages 8 and 9 of the book.

Diagram showing a snowmobiler on a snowmobile with red dots indicating points of interest for labeling. The snowmobile features 'ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINK' and 'FLY' branding. The rider is wearing a helmet and a suit. The snowmobile has a track and skis.



Using the information found on pages 12–19 in the book, and research online, create a records chart for your favorite X Games snowmobiling event. Be sure to include the top three male or female athletes for each of the last three years of the event. Also include his or her rank, score, and any important details as to how each athlete achieved his or her final score.

An example from the X Games SnoCross competition has been done for you.

YEAR	ATHLETE NAME	RANK	SCORE	DETAILS
2015	Tucker Hibbert	1	14:41	Hibbert's ninth SnoCross gold medal



Using the information found in *Snowmobiling*, verify whether the following statements are true or false. Check your answers in the book. If the answer is false, write the correct answer below the statement. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1	Alaska has the most registered snowmobiles of any state in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	A bib is a piece of clothing that covers only the rider's chest.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	Daniel Bodin became the first person to do a front flip on a snowmobile in 2012.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	SnoCross features 12 racers competing to finish 15 laps of a racecourse.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	The Winter X Games officially added the Long Jump event in 2014.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>



Professional snowmobilers, such as Blair Morgan, Caleb Moore, and Dane Ferguson, did not achieve success overnight. Years of dedication and perseverance shaped them into the snowmobiling legends they are today. Choose a professional snowmobiler that you are interested in learning more about. Then, use online research to help you write a short biography about that person. Use the concept web below as a guide.



Quiz

Test your knowledge of snowmobiling by answering these quiz questions. Check your answers in the activity pack.

NAME

DATE

1

In what year was the first Winter X Games held?

2

Who first used the term “snowmobile”?

3

What piece of equipment protects the head and face from injury?

4

How many riders take part in the Speed & Style competition?

5

Which discipline is the oldest snowmobiling discipline in the Winter X Games?

6

Which snowmobiling discipline was added to the Winter X Games in 2014?

7

What sport is similar to snowmobiling, but uses water instead of snow?

8

Which U.S. city hosted the Winter X Games in 2015?

9

What is considered the snowmobile capital of the East?

10

Which SnoCross racer is nicknamed “Superman”?



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word. Check your answers on page 31 of the book.

NAME

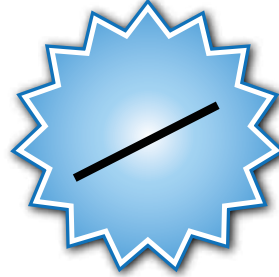
DATE

aerial
annual
dedication
maneuvers

mechanical
pressure
recreation
scout

sponsors
tundra

Your
Score is



=

%

1.
movements that require skill and care to perform

2.
to look for people with special talent to become part of a team or organization

3.
activity that is done for fun

4.
influence to make someone do something

5.
commitment to a task

6.
people or companies that fund certain activities

7.
something that happens every year

8.
something that takes place in the air

9.
vast, treeless land in northern regions where the ground remains permanently frozen

10.
working or made by machines



Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

NAME

DATE

1. 1995, as the Extreme Games
2. Virgil White
3. A helmet
4. Fight
5. SnowCross
6. Long Jump
7. Jet skiing
8. Aspen, Colorado
9. Old Forge, New York
10. Blair Morgan

